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St. Paul's, OLA face school curtailment due DA's anti-Mardi Gras gambling rule

By EDGAR PEREZ

Hancock County law enforcement officials are maintaining a low profile in the face of a gambling controversy being waged among District Attorney Albert Necaise, Mississippi Coast Crime Commission Director John E. Montgomery, and Pass Christian, Long Beach and Gulfport police chiefs.

Necaise, who said in October he would see that all forms of gambling cease in his district which includes Hancock County, has been accused by the Gulfport chief of police of "changing his mind about who shall be prosecuted for gambling and who

shall not be."

And Long Beach police officials, who have informed civic clubs and church-affiliated carnival associations gambling laws will be enforced in that area, said they are acting on orders from the district attorney.

But Necaise said last week, "I'm not going to load circuit court up with (gambling) cases which can be tried in city or county courts just as effectively."

And while Necaise denied telling anyone it is all right to continue gambling operations, he added, "I'm a prosecutor, I don't enforce the law."

Hancock declared in crop disaster area

By JAKE JACOB

A campaign begun by Clarence Lee of the Bienville Community, who some four months ago appeared before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors asking them to pass a resolution calling for the county to be declared a disaster area, bore fruit this week when 58 counties were so classified by the US Department of Agriculture.

Lee, a soybean, produce, and cattle farmer, became vigorously involved in the campaign following the county being turned aside earlier in the year by the state agricultural department.

The present declaration makes low interest loans available to farmers for such things as seed stock, equipment, and planting.

Early drought did much to drastically reduce corn and other produce yields. Excessive rains, disease, and bugs, destroyed much of the soybean crop, leaving many farmers without means to either meet their financial obligations or replant this spring.

The declaration covers most counties in the state, others in the south including: Forrest, George, Harrison, Pearl River, and Stone.

Emergency loan applications can be made at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) up to July 5 for physical losses and January 4, 1979 for production losses.

Annual production loans to a borrower indebted under this disaster cannot be made after Dec. 31, 1984.

Interest rates will vary between three and five percent depending on the

amount involved and security.

Lee began the campaign following a period of intensive drought, which lasted up to the July 4 weekend holidays, a climatic condition immediately followed by months of torrential rains.

The weather combination, added to the influx of bugs and disease, caused crop failure estimated between 25 and 100 percent.

Lee, and his associates, pointed out throughout that the farmers had at no time sought a handout, only the means by which they could help themselves.

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Ferriamicide use petition support asked as fire ant control measure

By JAKE JACOB

A petition to the Environmental Protection Agency, requesting a specific exemption permitting the use of ferriamicide to combat fire ant spread in Mississippi, has been placed into the federal register.

Public comment on the issue is now being sought but must be received in Washington on or before Jan. 21.

Jim Buck Ross, chairman, Mississippi Authority for the Control of Fire Ants, who filed the petition on behalf of the state, said Mississippi State University laboratory tests indicate that the toxicity of ferriamicide

Hancock County Sheriff Sylvan Ladner said he will inform county civic clubs and carnival associations of the statements made by Necaise and

Montgomery concerning enforcement of gambling laws.

"And I'm going to tell them if they have any further questions, to refer them to their district attorney," Ladner retorted.

Police chiefs in Bay St. Louis and Waveland said they are taking a "wait and see" attitude toward the situation, until or unless formal complaints against civic and religious gambling activities are filed.

"If someone swears out an affidavit complaining about gambling, we certainly will look into it," said Chief Douglas Williams of Bay St. Louis.

Chief Donald Dorn of Waveland said, "If the Waveland city judge signs arrest warrants in connection with gambling activities, you can be sure we will serve them."

Dorn said as far as he knows, bingo is the only civic or religious fund raising activity taking place in Waveland which might be considered gambling.

The chief noted the Krewe of Triton carnival organization traditionally conducts a "Monte Carlo Night," but the event is not scheduled until later in the year.

In Bay St. Louis, Reverend Pat Tearney, interim pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf Roman Catholic Church, said the parish's girls high school, Our Lady's Academy, bases its April and May operation on funds raised by the parish's Carnival Association.

"Our Lady's Academy is going to run out of money in March, and we are looking to the Carnival Association funds to carry the school through

May," Father Tearney said. "We are expecting about \$15,000 from some 50 events to be held by the carnival club," the pastor pointed out, adding, "I would guess maybe \$5,000 of that comes from Monte Carlo Night and other game events."

"But if it's going to be a problem, we'll just have to cut it out. We don't want any problems with the law for the sake of a few thousand dollars," the pastor stated.

"We haven't had any word on it," Father Tearney said of possible anti-gambling law application to church sponsored events, "But I think we'll have to clear it with the sheriff before we go ahead."

He noted OLG would not be as seriously affected by a hall in carnival association gambling activities as would be St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach where some \$70,000 is expected to be raised through such events as a Monte Carlo Night which extends over several days.

The OLG Carnival Association has scheduled a Country-Western Jamboree Sunday featuring "lots of games," and a Monte Carlo Night in connection with a dance Friday, Jan. 20.

After receiving a number of complaints, Pass Christian Police Chief Edward A. Alley ordered a halt to

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Jail age cited main cause sewer, electrical problems

By EDGAR PEREZ

Antiquated plumbing and sewerage facilities in the 47-year-old Hancock County jail are occasionally clogged or overloaded, forcing raw sewerage into the offices of Sheriff Sylvan Ladner.

The sheriff's office, converted to its current use from a small cell, suffers the indignity of a sewerage bath through lavatory plumbing which was functional when the area housed prisoners.

And the sheriff considers that periodic inconvenience one of the "minor" problems he faces in trying to operate his department in the cramped and outmoded jail building.

"We have situations here which are downright dangerous, both to members of my department and prisoners alike," the sheriff pointed out.

"We never know what we are going to face when we go into the jail each morning," the sheriff said, alluding to the possibility weapons and drugs

might have been smuggled into prisoners during the previous night.

The sheriff said it is virtually impossible to maintain makeshift heavy-gauge wire screening over first floor cell windows.

"And people even climb up drain

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Fines meted in illegal deer kill

Two Pearl River County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs, LeRoy West, Jr., and his son, LeRoy West, Jr., both of Picayune, were fined \$450 and placed on five day probation, Thursday, for headlighting and shooting two deer in Hancock County.

The sentence was passed down Thursday by Justice Court Judge Joe Dobson of Kiln.

The pair were apprehended by W.J. Cameron, one of two game wardens assigned to Hancock County.

According to Cameron, the shooting occurred recently at the intersection of Old Kiln Road and Highway 43.

The game warden said that at the time of apprehension he found the accused in possession of two large does.

CONTRABAND PORTHOLE
Makeshift security measures in the obsolete Hancock County jail prove no match for enterprising prisoners seeking ways to smuggle illegal articles and substances into the cells. "We never know from day to day what we might encounter when we go into the jail," Sheriff Sylvan Ladner complained. (Staff photo-Edgar Perez)

Tri-county employment up 3,000; '78 increase expected to continue

BY EDGAR PEREZ

The unemployment rate among Hancock, Harrison and Stone County residents for November remains above the state and national averages, according to the Mississippi State Employment Service.

But the service, in its monthly report, hastens to point out the 7.2 percent unemployed is not directly the result of economic conditions of business and industry operating within the three-county area.

An analysis of the insured unemployed, which is the group drawing unemployment compensation claims, reveals that more than one-third of these claimants were area residents whose last employment was out of the state and they are filing interstate claims," the service reported.

The agency reported a slight increase in the total civilian labor force over the previous month, with wage and salaried workers increasing by 310.

Tides

DAY	HIGH.....LOW
Sun.	11:05 p.m. 9:49 a.m.
Mon.	11:53 p.m. 10:37 a.m.
Tues.	12:00 a.m. 11:55 a.m.
Thurs.	1:24 a.m. 12:17 p.m.
Fri.	1:58 a.m. 12:11 p.m.
Sat.	1:59 a.m. 11:30 p.m.
Sun.	7:26 p.m. 10:03 a.m.
	6:53 p.m. 10:03 a.m.

The number of unemployed in the three counties dropped 100 compared to October figures when the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

An increase from 4,200 to 4,350 in the number of construction employees contributed significantly to the overall employment increase from the previous month.

The employment service contributed this increase to the Dupont construction project at Delisle where a peak of some 1,500 workers are expected to be on the job during 1978.

Pre-Christmas hiring of temporary sales help served to jump the employment rate in retail trade during November.

"Expansions in existing industry and new firms coming into the area have helped add well over 3,000 persons to payrolls during the past 12 months," the service reported.

More than 57,400 were employed in the three-county area during November, 1977, compared to some 53,700 in November, 1976.

During the same periods, 4,480 persons were unemployed in November, 1977, compared to 3,910 during November, 1976, producing unemployment rates of 7.2 percent for the later period and 6.8 for the earlier.

The total civilian labor force was down in November, 1977, to 61,800 from 61,940 in the previous month, and up from the 57,650 figure for the same month last year.

Government employment dropped in

November to 16,330 from the 16,450 on the public payrolls in October, but remained up from the 15,680 recorded in November, 1976.

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To cost \$398 million

Groundbreaking is Tuesday for new Army ammo facility

by JAKE JACOB

Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi will lead the list of speakers at a groundbreaking ceremony, Tuesday, at the Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant site, NASA-NSNL.

Open to the public, the ceremony proper will begin at 2 p.m., with pre-ceremony musical programs scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. This will be rendered by the 41st Army Band, Mississippi Army National Guard.

Also participating will be Charles W. Duncan, Jr., deputy secretary of defense; Navy Secretary Graham Claytor; Walter B. LaBerge, under secretary of the Army; Jack Stempel, assistant defense secretary for personnel; Gen. John R. Gutherie, Gen. James Lee, and

Admiral Russ Bryan.

The detonation of an explosive charge will conclude the event.

Representative Trent Lott said Friday that he is pleased the affair will draw military officials from many key elements of the defense structure.

"I am indeed pleased these groundbreaking ceremonies will draw military officials from many key elements of our defense structure.

"We are looking forward to a continued close working relationship with these fine men and the departments they represent," Lott said.

The \$398 million facility is to be constructed at the north end of the fee simple area of NASA, an area

previously earmarked for test firing of the sophisticated space hardware then expected to be a natural development and advancement of the Saturn V.

NASA's original role in Mississippi centered on the development and testing of the first and second booster stages of the Saturn V space vehicle, the S-II and S-IVB.

The expansion of the base into a multi-facility center, surrounded by its buffer zone followed the phase out of the single mission space traveler and its substitution with the space shuttle.

The Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant's (MAP) will have Major General Donald D. Dillinger as its army commander and Gen. Edward A. Alley as government owned and controlled operator.

tractor operated.

To take about five years to completely build and equip, the plant is expected to cost some \$398 million and will be utilized for the production of 155 millimeter artillery ammunition. It will be the first new ammunition plant to be built in the United States since World War II.

When in full production the MAP will be an automated, state-of-the-art facility.

Completion of the MAP facility will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of the U.S. Army's ammunition program. The MAP will be the first major ammunition plant to be built in the United States since World War II.

Clermont Harbor is site of Mr. and Mrs. King nuptials

Miss Robin Jean Garcia, daughter of Mrs. Sheryl Garcia of Clermont Harbor and Claude Garcia, Metairie, La., and Gregory Alan King, son of Mrs. Margie Malley of Gulfport, Miss., and Odis L. King of Baton Rouge, La., were married at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Clermont Harbor.

Rev. Canisius Hayes, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with arrangements of pink carnations, white gladioli and lighted can-dela-bra.

Mrs. Ben Hille, Jr., organist, accompanied Mrs. Jannelle McLain, vocalist, who sang Hawaiian Wedding Song, Sunrise-Sunset, Hold Thou My Hand, More, and The Lord's Prayer.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire style gown of white organza and lace re-embroidered in seed pearls. The bodice featured a Victorian neckline and the skirt fell into a cathedral length train.

Her elbow length veil of illusion, trimmed in pearls, was held by a Juliet cap. She carried a bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

Beth Garcia attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Daphne Barrios, Lynn Klein of Lakeshore, Sheryl Boos, New Orleans, and Elizabeth Garcia, Waveland, cousins of the bride, and Bridget Carver, Clermont Harbor. Angela Walters, Gulfport, niece of the groom, served as flower girl.

They wore burgundy knit gowns and headpieces fashioned of pink roses and baby's breath. They carried a

pink silk rose.

Rickey Walters, Gulfport, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Monroe Stewart and Roger Maggart, both of Gulfport, James Garcia, Waveland, Jeff Copeland, Bay St. Louis, and Claude Garcia, Jr., Clermont Harbor, brother of the bride. Phillip Garcia, uncle of the bride, Clermont Harbor, served as usher and Dustin Ladner, Gulfport, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Mrs. Garcia received guests wearing a pink chiffon floor length tiered gown and a white carnation corsage.

The mother of the groom chose a two piece aqua and white floor length dress. A white carnation corsage completed her ensemble.

A reception was held at Jordan River Shores Club House where the bride's table, overlaid with a white lace cloth, held a four-tiered cake trimmed with pink spun sugar roses. Silver candelabra holding white tapers were on either side.

Mr. and Mrs. King are residing in Waveland.



MR. AND MRS. G. A. KING



WAVELAND ARTIST Will Hinds, whose studio is in Pearlington, left, presents original work "Mississippi Autumn" to Mississippi Heart Association, recently, in Jackson. Work will be presented to highest bidder at First Annual Heart reception, Feb. 4, in Jackson. Others participating in ceremony include, from left, William Haynie of Gulfport, board member; Perry A. Snyder of Jackson, executive director; Wm. B. Alexander, Cleveland, association president.

Waveland artist donates original work heart fund

Artist Will Hinds of Waveland presented his original work, "Mississippi Autumn," last week to the Mississippi Heart Association, Jackson.

Painted especially for the 1978 Heart Fund, sealed bids for the original work of art will be received from private collectors, business and institutions, galleries and museums. The presentation will be made February 4 at the Annual Heart Reception.

New clinic hours

told by Hancock health agency

The Hancock County Health Department, located on Dunbar Avenue near Hancock General Hospital, conducts immunization clinics on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon and on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Louis H. Jobe, department director, said maternity clinic hours have been changed to Monday afternoons, with patients due in the clinic by 1 p.m.

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Heart Association President William B. Alexander of Cleveland and State Heart Fund Chairman, George Dale of Jackson accepted the painting on behalf of the rural Southland health agency. Later Alexander said, "We are grateful to this nationally-acclaimed artist for the beautiful 'Mississippi Autumn'." The proceeds received through this Art for Heart project will help fund heart research.

Heart Fund Chairman Dale announced that 300 signed and numbered prints of "Mississippi Autumn" have been produced and allocated to the various county Heart Associations. "Mr. Hinds has generously agreed to this collector's edition and will carefully inspect, sign and number each print," Dale explained. He encouraged interested persons to get in touch with their County Heart Fund Chairman or to call or write the Heart Center at 981-4721.

The United States spends \$100 million annually on United Nations projects - or 25 percent of the total budget. 149 member nations of the United Nations recently voted on a two-year \$985 million budget.

Hinds' paintings are a blend of Ideal Art and Super Realism. The rural Southland is his favorite subject. His works are exhibited in galleries in Houston, Dallas, New Orleans and Los Angeles.

The recipient of numerous major art awards, Hinds has given a number of one-man shows in cities throughout the nation.

As reflected in his paintings, Hinds is an outdoorsman. His farm in Pearlington is used as a studio as well as a home for his horses and a place to hunt and fish.

Hinds, his wife Dinelle and their four children reside in Waveland on the beach-front.



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Obituaries

RACHEL THOMAS

The funeral for Mrs. Rachel Shifalo Thomas was Saturday from the Shifalo Memorial Baptist Church in Kiln, followed by burial in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

Mrs. Thomas, 76, widow of William C. Thomas, died Wednesday at her residence, Rt. 1, Box 216 Kiln. The native and lifelong resident of Kiln was a member of the Shifalo Memorial Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Arthur Thomas of Tyrlawn, Charles A. Thomas and Ronald A.

Thomas, both of Bay St. Louis; four daughters, Mrs. Anthony (Gwen) Passio of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Dempsey (Myra) Albritton of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. George (Bobbie) Armstrong and Mrs. Gary (Bonnie) Holley, both of Long Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Nettie Gonzales of Kiln, Mrs. Maggie Strahan and Mrs. Eva Ladner, both of Lumberton; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Edmund Fahy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Coaches confab to draw skeds

Junior high school basketball coaches in the Pascagoula River Conference will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Iberville High School to vote the season's all-conference players.

Howard Patton of St. Stanislaus, conference president, said the coaches, at the same meeting, will also determine seating arrangements for the con-

ference junior high tournament to be played at East Central in Hurley Jan. 18-21. Tournament brackets will also be determined at the Wednesday meeting, Patton said.

The United States contributes two thirds of the budget for the Organization of American States, totalling \$81.3 million annually.

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Jackson State to honor Dr. Martin Luther King

The birth and life of the renowned Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be commemorated in a week-long series of activities scheduled at Jackson State University. The program, beginning Sunday, Jan. 15 (his birthday) and ending Friday, Jan. 20, will reassess the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s and discuss those contributions made to the Movement by Dr. King. All programs will be held in Dansby Hall Auditorium.

They are being coordinated by Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander, director of the Institute for the Study of History, Life and Culture of Black People at JSU.

A program featuring gospel music provided by local interfaith choirs and a symposium focusing on the philosophical and religious ideas of Dr. King in the Movement will begin the celebration Sunday, Jan. 15 at 4:00 p.m. The symposium will present a panel of ministers who will discuss the five major schools of thought that had significant impact on Dr. King's life.

Ministers invited to appear on the panel are: Rev. Allen L. Johnson, United Methodist Church, Laurel; Rev. Thomas Brown, Jr., Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, Jackson; Father Joseph Dyer, Christ the King Catholic Church, Jackson and Rev. A.W. Crump, director of religious activities at Jackson State.

The program will close Sunday evening at 8:00 after a film showing of Dr. King's life.

On Monday at 10:00 a.m., Henry Kirksey, political activist, will lead a panel discussion on the political development of black people during the Civil Rights Movement and the present day status of that development.

A forum will be presented Tuesday morning at 10:00 with a panel selected from the Jackson community. Politics and economics and the in-

terrelationship of both will highlight the discussion. The panel will be concerned with such issues as labor, employment, housing, geriatrics, unions and the garbage strike.

Wednesday morning at 11, Archie Singham, a United Nations official from the West Indies and professor of economics at Howard University, will deliver an address on "The Need for a New International Order".

A cultural and literary

program will highlight Thursday's activities and a series of special tributes to the martyrs of the Civil Rights Movement will close the celebration on Friday.

Exhibitions of materials and books written by and about

Dr. King will be displayed in the University Library and Bookstore throughout the week.

The public is invited to attend all activities in honor of one of the nation's most revered humanitarians.

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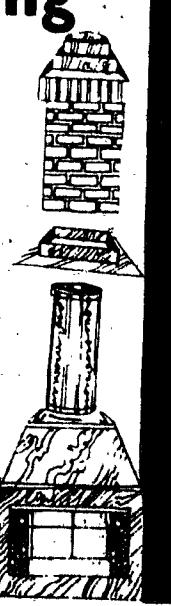
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Fourth quarter estimated tax payment now due

Taxpayers who filed estimated tax on their 1977 income must pay the fourth quarter installment by January 16, 1978.

"Taxpayers who file their Form 1040's on or before January 31, 1978.

"Taxpayers who file their Form 1040's on or before January 31, 1978, and pay the balance of the tax due are not required to pay the last installment of their estimated tax by January 16, 1978," said William Daniel, IRS District Director for Mississippi.

"Taxpayers who have overpaid their 1977 taxes may choose to have their overpayment credited against their 1978 estimated tax. There is a space on the Form 1040 to indicate this election," said Mr. Daniel.

Declarations of estimated tax for the calendar year 1978 must be filed on or before April 17, 1978, on Form 1040-ES.

For more detailed information, see Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Declaration of Estimated Tax," available free at the Jackson IRS District Office.

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MHP recruits training

The first Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol recruit training class to be established under the administration of Governor Cliff Finch, gets underway Sunday, with 41 recruits reporting to the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy.

James Finch, Commissioner of Public Safety, said the recruits were chosen from among a list of 317 statewide applicants, and their selections were based on the results of a written examination, a medical checkup and a background investigation.

Finch said, "Each of our nine Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Districts have been doing an excellent job of providing a valuable service to the motorists in Mississippi even though we have been drastically short of manpower. This is our first recruit training school since 1974 and the Skid-Pan, which is used to

teach an officer how to drive under hazardous conditions like oil slick highways, or wet and icy roads, was cited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for being unique."

Shelton said that the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy has been recognized as being one of the finest training facilities in the south, "and we are looking forward to graduating these recruits who we feel, will be among the best-trained officers in the nation."

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A good job needed

After many failures in repairing sewer breaks by previous Bay St. Louis administrations (the new administration fixed one that was waiting for them when they took office), the city has to have engineers check the many breaks now becoming obvious.

The hiring of an engineering firm for the checking these breaks should have been done a longtime ago. Of course the administrations thought they were saving money by trying to do it themselves and it just didn't work out that way.

The dirt over some of the sewer lines in Bay St. Louis has been worn out by being removed and replaced so often for alleged repairs.

We are told that from three to five thousand dollars has been the cost each time for one of these major repairs. The same area breaks have been seemingly repaired numerous times just to break again.

The motorists of Bay St. Louis are tired of the many caution signs in the middle of intersections and should all be happy that proper procedures are being taken at this time to fix these breaks once and for all.

We hope!

Opinion/Ellis Cuevas

Jobs we need

It was good news Tuesday when the Hancock County Board of Supervisors agreed to shoulder the responsibility of endorsing the issuance of \$4.5 million of industrial revenue bonds for Alcan Cable.

Alcan, located in Bay St. Louis' industrial area, will mean much to Hancock County when it is complete and in operation. A total of 50 employees in the first phase can mean a livelyhood for 50 families.

The more industries to locate in Hancock County, will mean more jobs for residents.

Too many of our youth have had to leave for greener pastures for so long. It sure is a good sign with jobs that have become available in 1977 and the ones opening in 1978.

The people responsible for securing these industries, like Alcan Cable, are to be congratulated.

**Letters
to the Editor**

Sand Hill cranes

The Sea Coast Echo

Dear Sir,
I noticed that the Mississippi Coast Crime Commission reported that during the last quarter of 1977 they investigated alleged rip-offs of public funds in the "Sand Hill Crane" controversy.

I would suggest that all of the opposition to the highway interchange has been a rip-off. This assumption is based on the fact that they hunt these birds in Texas and during the 1975-76 hunting season 11,382 birds were harvested.

The people, and groups, who want to save this bird, or that animal, or this flower or that bay or stream, create jobs for themselves - and in particular for the attorneys who could care less about the "cause" they represent - but they will represent until the "money well" dries up.

R.S. Williamson

Opinion

The editorial page

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general public interest. All letters must be signed, home address given and conform to published standards, be brief, in good taste and reason.

Ellis Cuevas

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ANTIQUE PLUMBING—Hancock County Sheriff Sylvan Ladner surveys the evidence of antiquated plumbing in the county jail. Water pours out into this area behind the structure from under the walls where broken pipes are inaccessible to repair crews. (Staff photo—Edgar Perez)

Jail . . .

pipes and over barbed wire at the back of the jail to smuggle contraband into prisoners through obsolete second floor window guards," the sheriff pointed out.

"And look at this parking lot," the sheriff moaned. "When court's in session we can't even get our vehicles out to answer emergency calls," he said in reference to a small parking lot adjacent to the jail and directly behind the county courthouse on Court Street.

"People can't be expected to park three and four blocks away to come to court," he offered in noting the lot is the only parking area, other than crowded streets, near the county government complex which includes courthouse and its several offices, sheriff's office and jail, Youth Court Center, and County School Board offices.

Seven men are crowded into one small cell in the jail at present, with several other Hancock County prisoners being held in other county jails because of lack of space here.

At a Board of Supervisors meeting this week, the problems at the jail, which also include old and dangerous electrical wiring, were declared an

Weidman . . .

In the suit, filed Thursday in Hancock Chancery Court, Weidman charges he was dismissed arbitrarily and capriciously contrary to the rules and regulations of the personnel manual of the State of Mississippi.

Further, he claims that Williams, at the time of his firing, damaged his reputation by his handling of the incident.

The suit further alleges the defendant had been performing his job in a meritorious manner and that there was no justification for his dismissal.

Weidman is seeking compensation from both the park commission and individual members thereof.

Included is Perry Gibson of Bay St. Louis, former commission president, replaced on the commission prior to the firing incident.

He finally charges that due to the manner in which he was dismissed, he has been unable to find other employment.

By EDGAR PEREZ
Sheriff's deputies put two more alleged marijuana distributors out of business, Bay St. Louis police beefed up patrols to quash a rash of vandalism and Waveland's city judge slapped a shoplifter with a jail sentence as Hancock County came roaring back to life following a quiet holiday season.

The first week in the Year of The Horse turned out to be a bumper for Beverly V. Reas, 31, of 122 Bayview Ct., and Gerald T. Fayard, 30, of Shoreline Park.

The pair was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver following a Wednesday night raid on the Reas residence by deputies of Sheriff Sylvan Ladner's office.

Chief Deputy Ronnie Peterson said a search warrant was obtained based on information received by the sheriff's office.

The warrant was issued by Justice Court Judge Lloyd Anderson of Beat Three.

An 8 p.m. raid on the Reas residence

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emergency to expedite absolutely essential repairs.

Ladner told supervisors he hopes to reduce the number of prisoners somewhat following the January terms of Circuit Court and the County Grand Jury which open Monday, thus facilitating repair work inside the jail.

The second floor of the old jail still features a macabre arrangement for hanging people—a stout hook imbedded in the ceiling directly over a double-doored, steel trap opening through to the ground floor.

Even though badly-needed cell space is cramped full with articles recovered in burglary cases or being held in evidence, further storage space must be rented in a neighboring private dwelling.

A visitor to the sheriff's office on any given day may find himself stumbling over deputes, secretaries, clerks, prisoners, jailers, prisoners' relatives, a harried sheriff, attorneys, newsmen, politicians, officers from neighboring jurisdictions, state highway patrolmen, evidence, file cabinets, etc., all trying feverishly to accomplish their ordained tasks in that minuscule space.

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Others named in the suit as defendants include: Dennis Baker of Panola County; James Skelton of Lauderdale County; Cary Embry, Tate County; Robert Ashley, Copiah County; Mrs. Therese Duckworth, Monroe County; Joe Tubbs, Hinds County; Gary Hawkins, Calhoun County; Travis Aycock, Scott County; William Pete, Harrison County, all members of the park commission at the time Weidman was dismissed.

Weidman also names the Trans America Insurance Group, which carried bonds on members of the commission, as defendants.

He finally charges that due to the manner in which he was dismissed, he has been unable to find other employment.

Police report spans burglary, larceny, marijuana

Wednesday netted one pound of marijuana and various articles of paraphernalia, deputies reported.

Peterson said the sheriff's office was assisted in the operation by the Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments.

Reas and Fayard are free on \$10,000 property bond each pending a preliminary hearing before Judge Anderson Thursday.

County line caper
Hancock deputies joined Harrison County officers in a two-day investigation which resulted in the arrest of three young men on charges of auto theft and destroying private property in Hancock County and burglary charges in Harrison County.

Hancock Deputy Delbert Seay charged Carl Dennis Pace, 21, of Poplarville, and Gary Dewayne Saucier, 19, of Kiln, with theft of a pickup truck from the residence of Eugene Ladner on Hwy. 53 some eight or ten miles from the Hancock-Harrison County line.

Pace and Saucier are being held in lieu of \$5,000 bonds on the Hancock County charges and are under \$1,000 bond on the Harrison County charges.

Gambling . . .

carnival gambling activities in that community.

And a carnival association official there said without the gambling revenue which helps support St. Paul's Catholic School, the school will have to close down.

"I seriously doubt whether the school will be able to open in September," said Tom Anthony, president of St. Paul's Carnival Association.

Anthony noted the school, with an enrollment of some 220, has an annual budget of around \$130,000. He said 40 percent of the school's revenue comes from tuition and the remainder from the carnival association.

Anthony estimated the association, without gambling for the first time in 45 years, "would probably go in the hole \$15,000 to \$20,000."

"Interest has fallen away without the gambling," Anthony said. "Gambling draws people, so more money is raised through sale of drinks and food."

Alley said Friday he is not confused by the ambiguous position of the district attorney. "He says there's no gambling—there's no gambling," Alley said.

Gulfport's Chief Larkin Smith said last week Necaise has reversed himself on gambling enforcement.

Because some private clubs had furnished Necaise with financial statements showing that their gambling profits go to charity, Necaise told Smith "he didn't feel that he would take as strong a stand as we had agreed on," Smith said.

"My disappointment lies in the fact that when we met in October we all agreed that we would all stand together and enforce the law countywide," Smith continued.

"He was going to ride the white horse," Smith said of Necaise.

"And it's all just another one of his lies," Sheriff Ladner feels.

Necaise said his original intentions were to ferret out any connections between organized crime interests and gambling by fraternal groups.

"I checked and found there is no organized crime involved," Necaise said.

"We certainly did tell the carnival association they could not gamble," Captain Marion Carver of the Long Beach police department said last week.

"We're following the directions of Harrison County District Attorney Albert Necaise," Carver added.

The Long Beach Carnival Association president, Otis Ladner, said the gambling is an annual event that has continued for 18 years, with proceeds going to the St. Thomas School "and a great many other charity organizations."

"We have been able to continue in the past," the association president said, "and this is the first year we've had any great problems."

Carver noted a document from the crime commission said Necaise recently emphasized that all forms of gambling cease in his district.

However, Necaise said Monday, "That's the Coast Crime Commission speaking, not me."

"Carver hasn't closed them down under any directions from me," Necaise said.

Carver said Long Beach police will continue to check suspected gambling establishments, including fraternal organizations. "It's the Mississippi law we're enforcing," he said.

In Gulfport Wednesday, Chief Larkin Smith said Harrison County law enforcement officers, on Necaise's orders, in October told owners and officers of clubs that permitted gambling to have all slot machines and gambling devices removed by Nov. 1.

Smith said now, however, pressure is being placed on police officers "and apparently Necaise" as well by members of fraternal and religious groups and private club owners to allow gambling to continue.

"Club owners are coming to me and saying the district attorney says it's all right to gamble if we (the police) don't care," Smith said.

"They're trying to make the police

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officer look like a horse's ass for enforcing the law," the Gulfport chief lamented.

Smith said Necaise is trying to make it appear as if the police officers are behind the gambling crackdown "now that a little heat is coming on."

"But the district attorney agreed in October the law was going to be enforced and until he gives me a direct order to the contrary I will arrest anyone violating that law," Smith affirmed.

Necaise, while denying he told anyone it will be all right to continue gambling, maintains district court dockets are too crowded to handle gambling cases.

"I'm not going to load up circuit court with cases which can be tried in city or county courts just as effectively. We are all booked up. The county attorney has an assistant and all they are doing is preliminary hearings. I can't take on any more responsibilities of the county prosecutor" the district attorney explained.

Also last week, Montgomery said Necaise had called a meeting of representatives of each police department in his district on Oct. 15, shortly after Les Whitten, an associate of syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, alluded in a Jackson speech to the existence of organized crime elements on the Gulf Coast.

At the October meeting, Montgomery said, were members of the Harrison County sheriff's office, the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the FBI.

At that meeting, Necaise reportedly told officers to give club owners until Nov. 1 to remove gambling machines and close down games of chance.

Necaise also directed each police agency to provide him with one man to form a strike force to investigate reported organized criminal activity, Montgomery said.

So far, Montgomery continued, Necaise has not called for the strike force "even though it is my understanding that all of the police at the meeting wished to comply."

Necaise said he has seen no real need for the strike force because an investigation by his office "showed no outsiders or organized crime elements reaping any benefits" from Coast gambling activities.

Montgomery pointed out that shortly after the Oct. 15 meeting, Harrison County Sheriff Howard L. Hobbs said in a radio interview that civic, fraternal and religious groups would not be arrested for gambling activities.

"First the district attorney says he is going to enforce the law, then the county's top law enforcement officer says we aren't really going to enforce it—it's a conflict here," Montgomery complained.

The crime commission executive said he has been told Long Beach police officers have received threats for making the carnival association there discontinue gambling operations.

Montgomery said George Dowling of the Long Beach police was fired from a second job as a carpenter "as a direct result" of his involvement in closing down the carnival association's gambling.

And Long Beach police officers reportedly have been instructed not to discuss the gambling issue.

At week's end, William Stewart, Harrison County's prosecuting attorney, took exception to the remarks attributed to Necaise to the effect the county prosecutor's office does nothing but "prosecute preliminary hearings."

Stewart issued a written statement which said in part, "I am sure Mr. Necaise did not mean to imply that my office does not prosecute preliminary hearings."

He included in his statement a letter he had written to Necaise on Oct. 25 praising the district attorney for his stand at that time against all forms of gambling on the Coast.

"I will be happy to join with you in any proceedings that you undertake with reference to gambling because it is against the law," Stewart had said in his letter to Necaise.

BAY HOUSE FIRE — Bay St. Louis Fire Department on Friday extinguished a fire in a frame dwelling in the 500 block of State St. The blaze was extinguished in 10 minutes with the front part of the house still standing. The house was occupied by a couple and no estimate of damage was given by FD.

Employment

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Government employment figures include those engaged by public hospitals and schools, the service pointed out.

The next largest block of employees reported by the service are those in retail and wholesale trade whose numbers were up to 12,210 in November from 12,020 in October and 11,880 in November of 1976.

Agricultural employment in the area dropped

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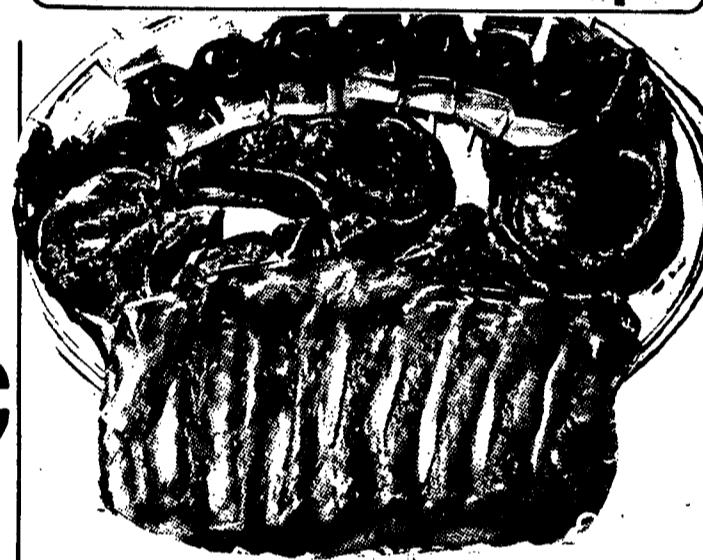
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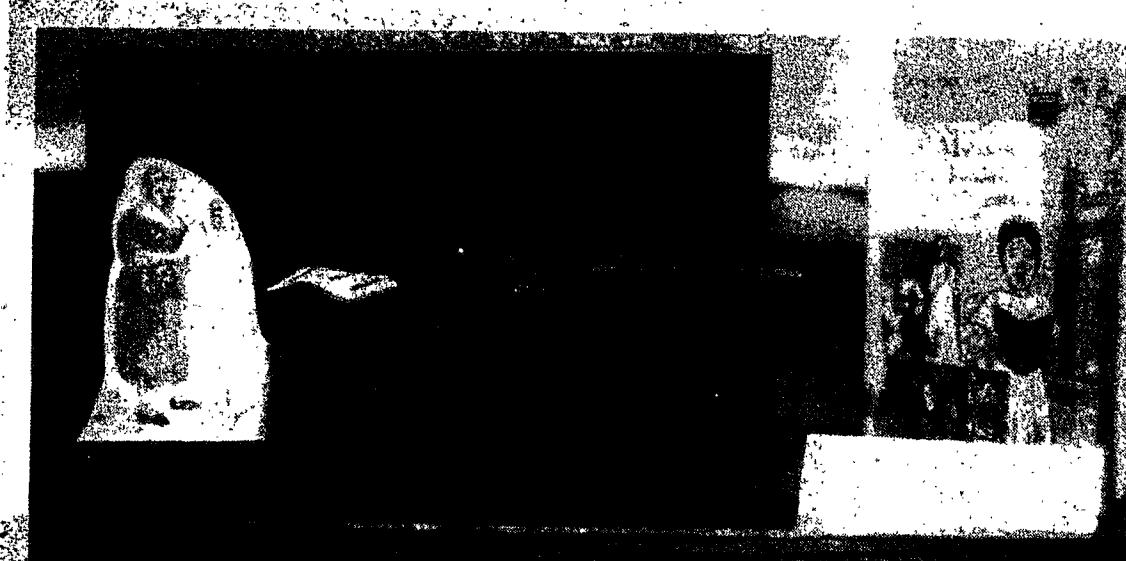
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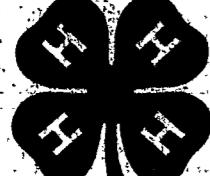
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by 'Gwen'

Hi Everyone, by the time you'll read this Norman Breaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Breaux, will be back in San Diego to finish his basic training. From there he will go to Chicago. Norman told us his wishes are to become a machinist mate for the Navy. Good Luck Norman.

We came upon a couple of strangers in the hills the other day. It only took us two minutes to find out they were Wayne Smith and Bruce Taylor with Swaco Oil Co.

They told us we will be seeing them all round Mississippi. It looks like a good year, with lots of hard work ahead.



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The key to successful leadership is involvement; find an interesting role for everyone in a particular group.

By chance we found out we have a singing milk-man in the hills. After he finished his song he told us his name is Bobby Burge. He is employed by Dairy Fresh. So he doesn't get into the dog house with Diane, his wife, he asked us to mention her. Spring fashions coming to Crane Creek soon.

We spoke with Dorothy Dedeaux the other day. She told us she and Lesil were going to a party at her daughter's home in Poplarville. As it turned out their children, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kirkland of Poplarville, along with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee and Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Dedeaux, Jr., had arranged a surprise anniversary party for them. It was their 25th wedding anniversary. Dorothy told us she and Lesil were really astounded.

While on the subject of party, Helen and Hervey Howard were out celebrating his birthday recently. Helen told us Hervey is retired from the International Machinery out of Ohio. His hobby is fishing. She works part time for our Magic Mart. Happy Birthday wishes go to Hervey.

P.J. Gill from Biloxi was out in the hills the other day. He told us he and his wife had just got back from Fairfield, Calif., where they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ratcliffe and their children. P.J. told us that due to some kind of chemistry in the air, they saw it rain mud. He said the streets and ground were grey. He also told us that with mud, rain and shrimp being \$3 a pound, he was glad to be home.

Congratulations to Coach Charles Grantham and his North Central Hawkettes who won their 16th game of the season, this time against St. Joseph. The final score was 64-40. Keep it up Hawkettes! See You In Church or the Races Gwynn

GRASS GROWING is entry in Guinness Book of World Records for 1978, and honors have been given by Guinness to Callie Bermudagrass, developed by the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, MSU. Here Vance H. Watson, MAFES agronomist, right, reads entry to MSU's Agronomy Department chief, Roy G. Creech. Several Hancock County farmers have developed patches of new forage grass; some of which were visited by participants Chamber of Commerce sponsored City-County tour.

Collie bermudagrass is world record book entry

A forage developed by Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) of Mississippi State University officially, and being grown by several Hancock County farmers, has been proclaimed the world's fastest growing bermudagrass by the 1978 Guinness Book of World Records. Guinness also describes bermudagrass as the world's most common plant.

Callie bermuda, described by Guinness as the "fastest growing bermudagrass - up to 6 inches per day with stolons 18 feet long," was selected by Vance H. Watson, MAFES agronomist. It was distributed free of charge by MAFES in 1973, 1974 and 1975, and samples were given to more than 8,000 persons in 35 states and 15 nations.

The June 1975 Callie giveaway at the MAFES Black Belt Branch Experiment Station, Brooksville, was reminiscent of the Oklahoma Land Rush and

attracted some 5,000 persons and many representatives of national, regional and local news media. Robert E. Coats, the station's superintendent who helped Watson develop Callie, noted, "We'd never seen anything like that before. I don't believe you could get a stronger reaction from people if that field had been knee-deep in dollar bills instead of Callie."

The widespread interest in the Callie is due, in addition to its fast growth rate, to its high forage quality. Tests indicate that at three weeks it has an 18 percent crude protein content, tapering off to about 10 percent at three months. It also is more digestible than most bermudagrass.

Watson began work on the bermudagrass in 1966. He emphasizes that research on Callie is continuing with MAFES-developed data and information obtained from its recipients.

Callie bermudagrass has been a consistent winner in Texas hay shows. It appears best adapted to the southern half of the Gulf Coast states, according to Watson.

The MAFES scientist modestly says that "we don't consider this a miracle grass by any means. Beyond its advantages, Callie is not as winter hardy as some other types of bermuda. Winter hardiness and high forage quality are not as compatible as we would like them to be."

"All of our test indicate that Callie is a high quality bermudagrass for beef cattle, but we are not resting on any laurels. Our efforts to make it better are continuing."

There seems to be a lot of activity at Hancock North Central even though the school is still out because of the work being done on restroom facilities. The basketball teams will play Forest Friday night and will stay at the Roosevelt State Park that night and play Morton on Saturday night. Their next home games will be Tuesday night against Harrison, Cen-

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White Cypress
by Yvonne Ladner

255-1403

A recent wedding of local interest which we failed to mention was that of Randy Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Shaw, and Debbie Ladner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ladner all of Crane Creek. Randy and Debbie were married the day after Thanksgiving and they are now living in Jackson. Randy is employed with the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

We understand a good time was had by all who attended the annual New Year's Eve dance which was held at Annunciation School. The music was furnished by "Early Times." The proceeds will be used for the school expenses.

The Junior High teams are trying to get back in shape after the long holidays by having basketball practice during this week.

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BROILER-TYPE

Hatcheries in the State set 5,936,000 eggs for broiler chicks during the week ending December 31, 1977, 2 percent above the previous week and 7 percent above the 5,547,000 set the corresponding week a year ago.

There were 5,192,000 broiler chicks placed on Mississippi farms during the week ending Dec. 31, two percent above the previous week and six percent above the 4,807,000 placed the corresponding week a year ago.

Cumulative placements for 1977 are 269,208,000 broiler chicks - 1 percent above a year earlier.

EGG-TYPE
Hatcheries in the State set 154,000 eggs for egg-type chicks during the week ending Dec. 31, 41 percent below the previous week and 56 percent below the 351,000 set during the comparable week a year ago.

In the five states that accounted for about 25 percent of the hatch of all egg-type chicks in the U.S. in 1976, settings during the week ending December 31, 1977, were down 14 percent and hatchings were down 21 percent from a year ago.

KILN KORNERS

with
Juanita Bennett
255-9834

Sympathies to the Virgil Cuevas family. Mr. Cuevas passed away on Dec. 26.

Our sympathies are also extended to the Mrs. Rachael Thomas family. Mrs. Thomas passed away on Jan. 4.

We were told that the New Year's dance, sponsored by the Annunciation P.T.A. turned out to be a great success.

The children of Annunciation School returned to school on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

STAMP DESIGN

Ole Miss art instructor Mark Ackley and John Hill of the Yale University faculty have designed four stamps commemorating dance in America. The U. S. Postal Service asked Hill, a photographer, to design the stamps, which will be released early this year. Hill, in turn, asked Ackley if he wanted to help. Hill did the photography and the Ole Miss instructor designed the finished product.

Ackley is helping design 20 pedestrian-related picture signs for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

less of a bargain when you've taken it home, unwrapped it, and read over the price tag. And sale items are rarely returnable.

Check over your last week's purchases to see how many were picked up on a moment's notice. If you discover that you're buying impulsively, try setting up a list of priorities. Is that sale-priced sweater more important than those much-needed car repairs? By giving a few moments thought to every item you buy, you will probably buy less and feel better for it.

Similar calls appear monthly on almost every phone bill - and at the present price of long distance calls, few people can afford them. Before you pick up the phone to talk to a distant relative or friend, ask yourself if the call is really necessary. Could more be said in a letter costing you only a 1-cent stamp?

If you do phone long distance, make sure to choose a time when special low rates are in effect. Check your one book for an explanation of long distance rate schedules. Remember that direct-dial calls are always cheaper than those requiring an operator's assistance. Keep a watch or egg timer next to the phone - on long distance, time has an unfortunate tendency to fly.

Even if you limit your long distance calls, your telephone itself may be a steady drainer. Do you have a special model phone, an extension or an unlisted number? Chances are that they are costing you a little extra each month in a service charge, and those extras add up. If you have a color phone or an extra-long cord, it cost more to be connected.

Sometimes special equipment is more economical if you arrange to make one lump-sum payment at the time of installment. Even so, anything but a black dial phone with a short cord probably involves paying a premium. Over the years, in fact, elaborate phones can cost hundreds of dollars more. A conversation on fancy equipment sounds no different than it does on a plain black phone.

Now and again, a phone may save you money instead of spending it. Most people are in the habit of jumping in their cars and driving downtown to buy an item, only to discover that the store in question doesn't carry it. By phoning ahead, they might have saved time and money. With present fuel prices, even the shortest jaunt in a car can eat up a costly amount of gasoline. Local shopping by phone, on the other hand, will prove more efficient without straining your gas budget.

Steady drainers are dangerous to your economic health because they are so hard to detect. Who would suspect that a color telephone or poor choice of credit, an unnecessary magazine subscription, or a club membership might be costing you more than you recognize? These dollars add up, and in the long run they might even prevent you from taking that vacation or buying that new car.



**MISSISSIPPI WEEKLY
WEATHER & CROP
REPORT**

Pasture and livestock were in fair condition.

Hay and roughage feed supplies were adequate, with other feed grain supplies stored on farms short to adequate.

COMMENTS

STONE CO. "Real cold first two days of week with rain Wednesday night, Thursday, and Thursday night. Most of soybeans have been harvested. Winter ryegrass and oats pastures are real good for this time of year."

WARREN CO. "The rains Thursday and Thursday night will keep fieldwork to a minimum for several days.

All the deer hunters are hunting, and the others are making plans for the next crop year. Happy New Year!"

TATE CO. "The last ten or so days have been dry and cold. Farmers have taken advantage of it, and most finished with their harvesting."



COMMUNITY PROJECT - Kim Ladner, Ladette Ladner, Kent Ladner and Carlos Cuevas are shown with Christmas Baskets. These youngsters are the officers of the Necaise 4-H Club who prepared and presented the baskets to Senior Citizens of their Community. (Photo by 4-H)

**MISSISSIPPI
MARKET NEWS**

Released January 3, 1978

The Dec. 15, Index of Prices Received by Mississippi

farmers for all commodities decreased 8 points (4 percent) from the previous month's

index, the Mississippi Crop

and Livestock Reporting

Services announced today. The

index was 188 percent of its

January-December 1967 average.

The All Crops Index (1967 =

100) at 222 was 18 points (8

percent) below the index for

November 1977. Prices for

soybeans and cotton were

down during the month of

December.

The Livestock and

Livestock Products Index

(1967 = 100) was 167 percent, 3

points (2 percent) above the

November 1977 index. Prices

for all commodities were up

for the month of December

except broilers which were

unchanged.

MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial scholarship

fund has been set up at The

University of Mississippi to

honor Dr. Elmer L. Ham-

mond, dean of the Ole Miss

School of Pharmacy from 1928

until 1967.

NOTICE: The previous

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The good business records that most farm and ranch operators normally keep will make it easier for them to complete the report form for the 21st nationwide Census of Agriculture," a Bureau spokesman said.

The 1978 Census report forms will be mailed out the last week of December 1978.

Each person receiving one

will be urged to "fill it out and mail it back promptly, to give all agricultural producers and the Nation a needed, accurate measure of just what the

all-farm and 20 percent sample will be published for each of the over 3,000 counties which have agricultural operations, for each State, for regions and the entire Nation.

In developing what the Bureau feels is "the simplest and easiest-to-answer report form we have used in a long time," the Bureau has obtained the advice of farmers, along with representatives of farm suppliers, agricultural universities, Congress, and State and Federal program agencies.

The data items were

then field tested last summer by 8,500 farmers who filled out proposed report forms of varying nature. They made comments and suggestions. In addition, Bureau employees visited more than 1,000 of these farmers to get their suggestions in detail.

The 1978 Agricultural Census will be conducted in a 3-phase program:

-Only essential, basic items

needed for county totals will be asked of all farms: Land in farms by ownership; land use; acres, production and sales of crops; inventory, number sold, and sales value of livestock and poultry; and a few characteristics of farm operators and farm management.

-Some additional items,

which will be asked of a 20 percent sample of farms and used in association with the all-farm items, will provide estimated county totals:

Value of land and buildings; hired farm labor; fertilizer and pesticide use; grain storage capacity; and petroleum fuel usage and storage capacity.

As in earlier censuses, the

situation is in every county in our 50 States." When farmers do not respond quickly and accurately, the Bureau must spend additional funds and time in efforts to get a complete census.

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Hawks won No. 12

Hawklettes lose first game

The Hancock North Central Hawks rallied late to defeat Forest Friday night, 68-66. The Hawklettes suffered their first defeat of the season by Forest girls, 39-32. Forest was the last team to beat the Hawklettes in their final game of last season at the state tournament.

At the end of the third quarter coach Roland Ladner's Hawks were trailing Forest by one point. North Central scored 20 points in the final stanza to gain the two point victory.

Alan Dedeaux of the Hawks

was the leading scorer with 21 points. Barry Arcement scored 15 and Pat Nease 13. Bill Patrick had 18 points for Forest.

In the low scoring girl's contest, the Hawklettes got into serious trouble in the fourth quarter when stars Shaynon Ladner and Joyce Nell Lee fouled out. The Hawklettes had a one point lead at the end of the third quarter but were out scored 12 to 4 in the games final eight minutes. It was the first defeat for Charles Graham's Hawklettes since the

final game of last season. It is only the third loss for the Hawklettes in two seasons as the team man dropping their opener last season.

Shaynon Ladner scored 13 points and Sheila Ladner, 10, for the Hawklettes and Karen Walsh scored 14 for Forest.

The Hawks and Hawklettes were scheduled to play in Morton last night.

Mary Jones is new top golfer at Diamondhead

Mary Jones was winner of the low net tournament, Thursday, in Diamondhead Women's Golf Association play.

Runner-up in the event was Doris Diamond.

In second flight play, Connie Carter took top honors followed up by Gloria Forstall.

Ida Mae Snow and Doris Diamond tied for low putts, while Corinne Ladner was nearest to the pin on Number Two.

Tee off on Thursday will be 9 a.m., with a business meeting to follow in the clubhouse about 1 p.m.

CLASSIFICATIONS**BUSINESS DIRECTORY****1. Miscellaneous Service****2. Wanted To Buy****3. Household Items****4. Miscellaneous For Sale****5. Appliances****6. Boats & Motors****7. Garage Sale****8. Rummage Sale****9. Yard Sale****10. Carport Sale****AUTOMOTIVE****11. Auto Repairs - Parts****12. Trucks - Vans****13. Trailers - Mobile Homes****14. Used Cars - Station Wagons****15. New Cars****EMPLOYMENT****16. Help Wanted, Miscellaneous****17. Work Wanted****ANNOUNCEMENTS****20. Lost and Found****21. Personals****22. Special Announcements****23. Cards of Thank****24. In Memoriam****25. Business Opportunity****FOR SALE****REAL ESTATE****26. Houses For Sale****27. Houses by Area****28. Lots For Sale****29. Commercial Property****30. Real Estate Wanted****RENTALS****REAL ESTATE****31. Commercial Property****32. Homes****33. Rooms****34. Furnished Apartments****35. Unfurnished Apartments****36. Vacation Rentals****37. Furnished Houses****BUSINESS DIRECTORY****1. Miscellaneous Services****DIRT, SHELLS, LOTS****cleaned, Septic tanks,****Earl Garcia,****467-7624 TFC Thursdays****GENERAL CONTRACTING****additions,****repairs, cabinets, and****painting, 20 years ex-****perience, 467-7411 TFC****Baby sharks have been****known to attack one another****while still in their mothers****womb, according to the****International Wildlife magazine.**

Holiday tournament

in making

Interested superintendents, athletic directors, administrators and high school coaches are scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday at Western Sizzlin on Courthouse Road in Gulfport to discuss the possibility of a 32 game tournament this year in basketball.

Hancock North Central basketball coach Roland Ladner, who is spearheading this tournament similar to one held in Houston, Texas each Christmas season, has asked all interested parties to attend.

Some scheduled to appear are: J.D. McCollough, superintendent of Bay St. Louis schools, Terrell Randolph, Hancock County superintendent; Fred Henley, superintendent of Picayune schools; Bobby Ladner, superintendent, Harrison County; Leroy Lizardo,

Rocks tumble Rebels

By ELLIS CUEVAS
The St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws defeated Notre Dame Rebels, 54-40, Friday in the Rock gym.

The Rock-A-Chaws outscored the Rebels in every quarter except the fourth when Notre Dame scored 14-7 points. It was another Pascagoula conference win for coach Bob Cuccaro's Rocks.

High scorer for Stanislaus was Kerry Corr with 26 points, and Charlie Vincent, 14. Only double figure scorers for St. Martin was William Bernard with 10.

The Rock-A-Chaw Junior varsity fell to St. Martin in the opening game 39-33. For the Rocks Eric Labat was top scorer with 10 points.

The Rocks, 8-10, were scheduled to play East Central last night in Brother Peter's Memorial gym.

VA news

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AIR CONDITIONING AND
heating repairs on
weekends, 467-8205.

HAULING FILL DIRT, top
soil, sand, gravel, clay,
gravel and shells, 467-4592 or
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collecting, no delivery,
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ade remodeling or car-
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anything of value. 467-5137.
9-18-tfc

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ARE IN my home by week,
weekend or day. \$18 per child
week. 467-9446. 1-5tch.

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at slips, bulk heads, piers,
arves, and boat house
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Special Announcements

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doned on Highway I-10
described as 1974
Green Plymouth, 8
cylinder, 2-door, Serial
Number RM21P4614
1750, contact Leo
Wood, at 798-8610,
Route 1, Picayune,
Mississippi.

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AL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

R SALE - FOUR
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es, 1½ story, Central
tion, outside city limits,
proximately one acre,
ll shop, circular drive,
tv storage, over 1700 sq.
iving area, school bus
ice. \$34,500. 467-9323.
12-29-4tch.

Lots For Sale

D FOR SALE - Block 28
33 - Clermont Harbor -
\$500. I Olsen Slidell,
41-289. 1-8-2td

ITALS
L ESTATE

Commercial Property

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467-3073.

12-11-TFC

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etary, answering ser-
dictaphone and copy
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HARMON TURAN
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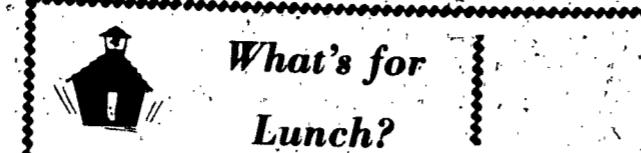
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12-29-tfc



What's for
Lunch?



TELL ME

WHICH ANIMAL HAS MORE BONES
IN ITS NECK, A BIRD OR A
GIRAFFE?

HOW FAR DOES THE EARTH
REVOLVE AROUND THE SUN?



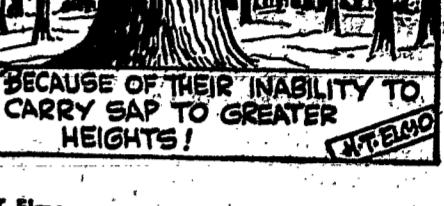
A BIRD HAS MORE BONES
IN ITS NECK!



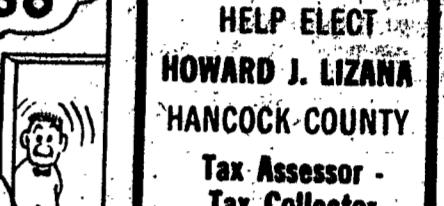
THE EARTH REVOLVES ON ITS
600 MILLION MILE ORBIT AROUND
THE SUN ONCE A YEAR AT A SPEED
OF 18,400 MILES PER SECOND!



DO FAT PERSONS BIFFER LESS
FROM THE COLD THAN THIN ONES?



WHY DON'T TREES CONTINUE TO
GROW TALLER AS LONG AS
THEY LIVE?



BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO
CARRY SAP TO GREATER
HEIGHTS!

By H. T. Elmo

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A Cricket Song

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Oh my, he sounds so all alone
but then — after silence, more are heard
They sing in unison — though say not a word.
I search for him, though I find him not.
He's all hidden there in his own little spot.
He's a little king there on his own little throne,
And he sings to me when I'm all alone —
I like to hear the little fellow sing.
He not knowing the joy he alone can bring.
Indeed, I'd not harm him, he's welcome there —
I close my eyes and say my mighty prayer,
That God bless all creatures both great and small.
Please watch over us, Lord, one and all
In Thy Dear Name, Dear Lord, I pray.
Thank You for protecting us — night and day!

Composed by Hazel Pine Fenster Jeppe

09/12/77

Signed by Sandra Kaye Pine
(Nov, 1977)



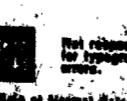
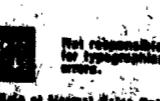
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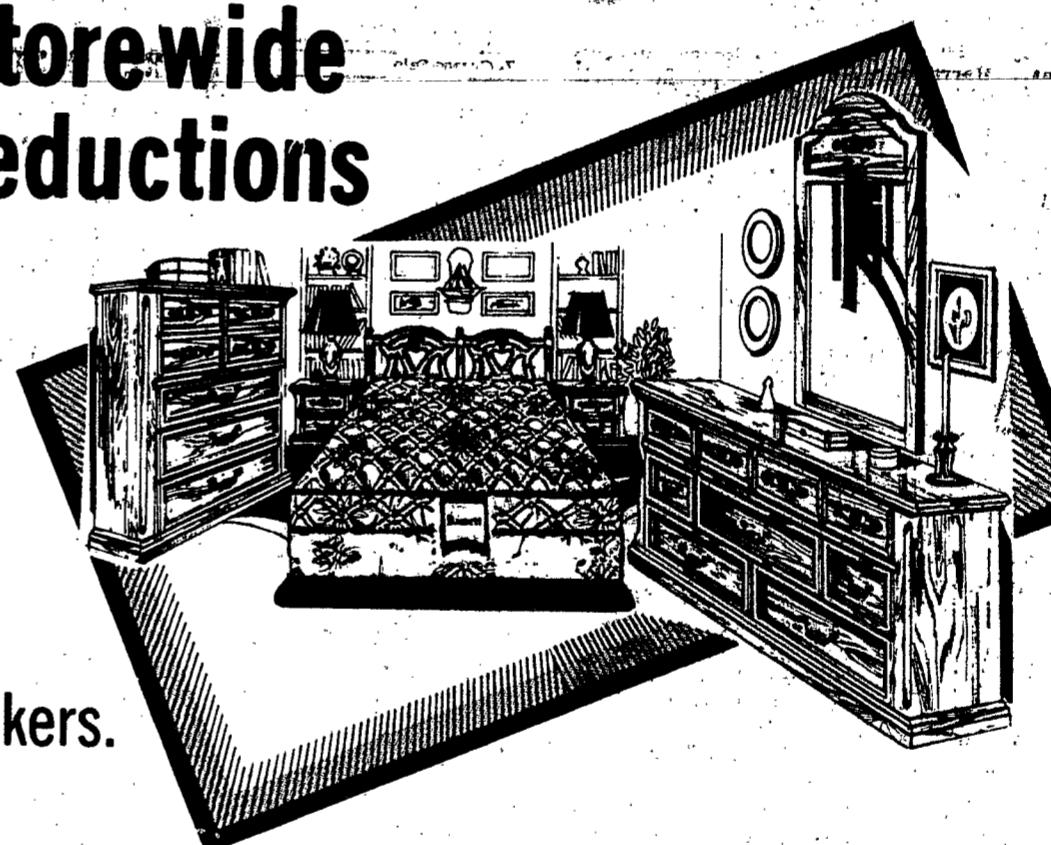
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THIS WEEK**Sunday**

MEXICAN DINNER
The Cuevas-Kingston royalty candidates of Our Lady of The Gulf Carnival Association are sponsoring a Mexican dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at OLG cafeteria.

COUNTRY JAMBOREE

The Cuevas-Kingston royalty candidates of Our Lady of The Gulf Carnival Association are sponsoring a country-western jamboree at Trapani's Knock Knock Inn, U.S.-90 & Waveland Avenue, from 4 p.m. till Sunday.

PCYC LUNCHEON

The Pass Christian Yacht Club will serve luncheon Sunday at the club from noon to 2 p.m.

METHODIST YOUTH

The Methodist - Youth Foundation program scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Main Street United Methodist Church will be conducted by Art and Marilyn Bailey.

MAIN ST. METHODIST

The Main Street United Methodist Church holds Sunday services at 11 a.m., preceded by Sunday School at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Waveland United Methodist Church conducts Sunday school classes for children and adults each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church.

Monday**JACKSON STATE**

Spring semester registration at Jackson State University is being conducted Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 9-Jan. 11. Classes begin Jan. 12. For further information, write Office of Admissions, Jackson State University, Jackson, Ms., 39217, or call 988-2100.

HATTIESBURG RECITAL

The Southern Arts Quartet String and Piano Recital will be presented in the Choral Room of the Performing Arts Center, U.S.M. Hattiesburg, at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9.

WAVELAND SENIORS

The Waveland Senior Citizens will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the Waveland Civic Center.

GARDEN CLUB

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club's board of directors meets at 2 p.m. Monday at the Garden Center.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Pass Christian Gulf National Bank.

HISTORIANS

The Hancock County Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Gulf National Bank.

POST AUXILIARY

American Legion Post 139 Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the Post Home on Blue Meadow Road.

LIBRARY BOARD

The City-County Library board of directors meets at 8 p.m. Monday at the library on U.S.-90.

TALENT AUDITIONS

Opryland USA of Nashville will hold auditions from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Union Ballroom for 350 singers, dancers, dance captains, musicians, musical leaders, actors, technicians and stage managers for 13 live musical productions during its next season.

ADVERTISING CLUB

Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Club meets at noon Monday, Jan. 9, at Bonanza Steak House, Gulfport.

PASS HISTORIANS

The Pass Christian Historical Society meets at 8 p.m. Monday at the Pass Library.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study classes will be held at Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church, which is located at 1416 P.M. Monday.

Tuesday**BIBLE STUDY**

Annunciation Catholic church will hold bible study classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday mornings at the church in Inn, U.S.-90.

SALAD BAR

The Rosetti-Ladner royalty candidates of Our Lady of The Gulf Carnival Association are sponsoring a salad bar at Trapani's Knock Knock Inn, U.S.-90 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

HARRISON TOURNEY

The Bay High School varsity basketball team competes in the Harrison Central Tournament Tuesday through Saturday.

FLOWER WORKSHOP

Mrs. Norine Barnes, extension home economist, announced a silk flower making workshop will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, in extension auditorium with Alice Brameyer teaching the class. Price for the flower kits are \$2.

Pre-registration, Mrs. Barnes added, is necessary by calling 467-5458.

GULF COAST TS

The Gulf Coast Extension Society is presenting a series of classes "What Is Thermophy" on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. the home of Frankie Mayo, Whatcom Road, North.

HNC VARSITY

The Hancock North Central varsity-basketball team meets Harrison Central in the HNC gym Tuesday.

BAY HI VARSITY

The Bay St. Louis High School varsity basketball team plays St. John at Bay High gym Tuesday.

NITE CIRCLE

The United Methodist Women's Nite Circle will meet at the Main Street United Methodist parsonage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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